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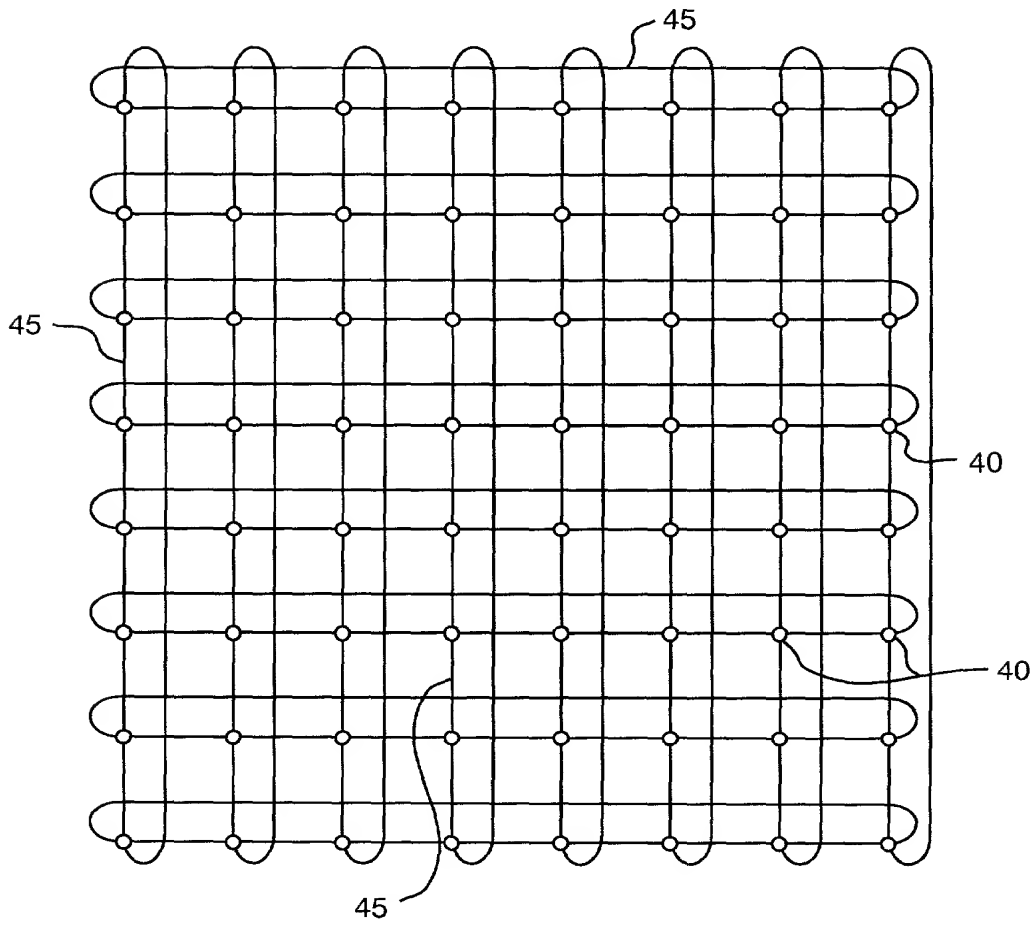


FIG. 1

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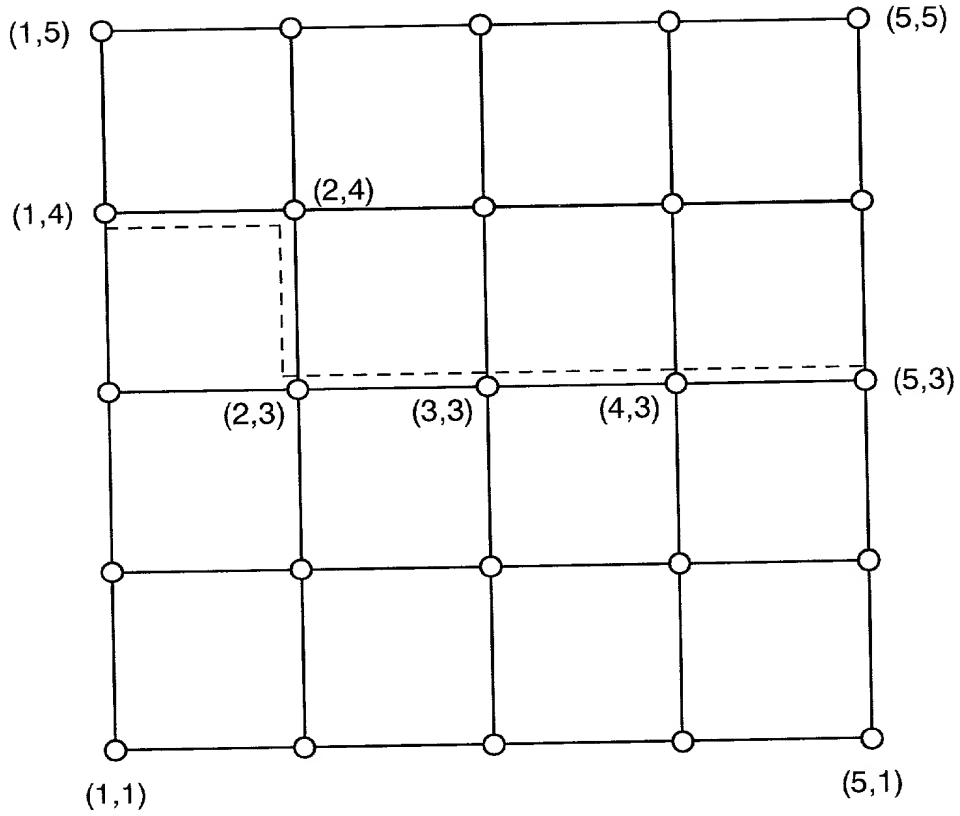


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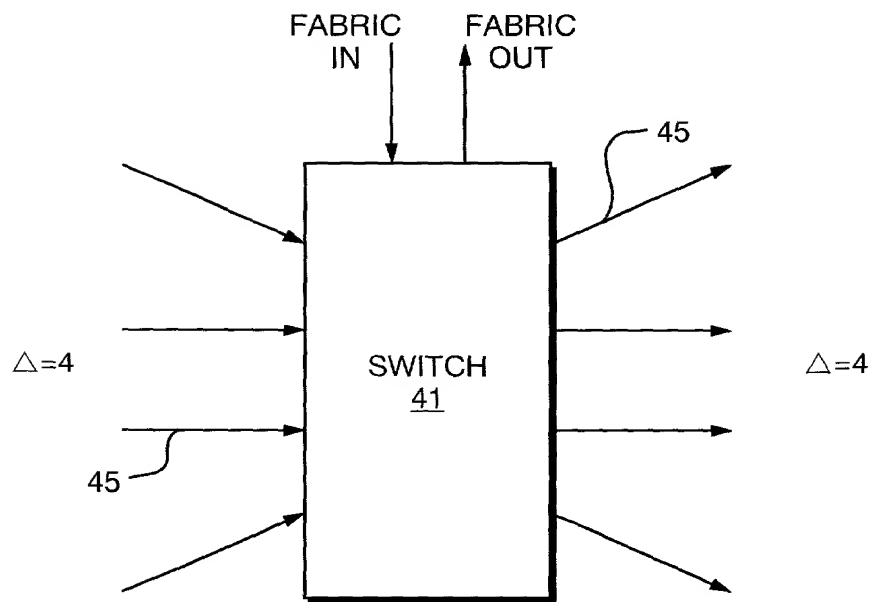


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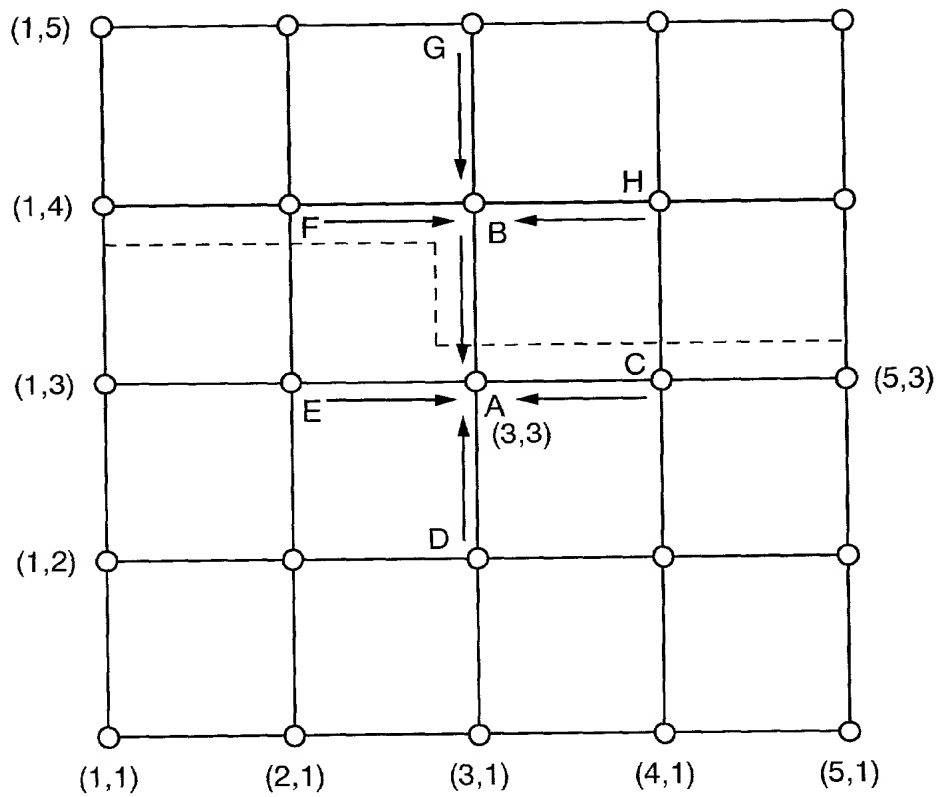


FIG. 4



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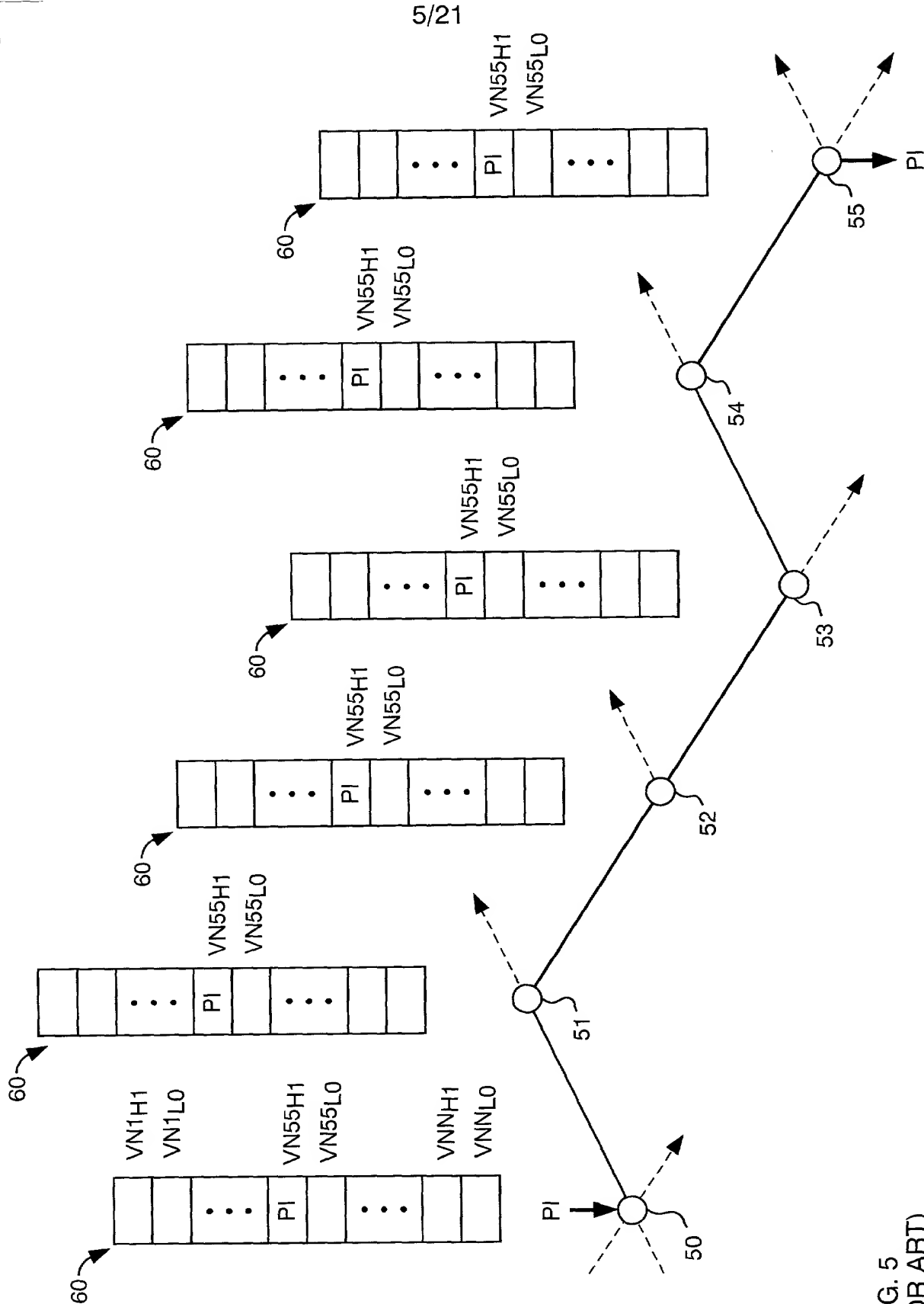


FIG. 5  
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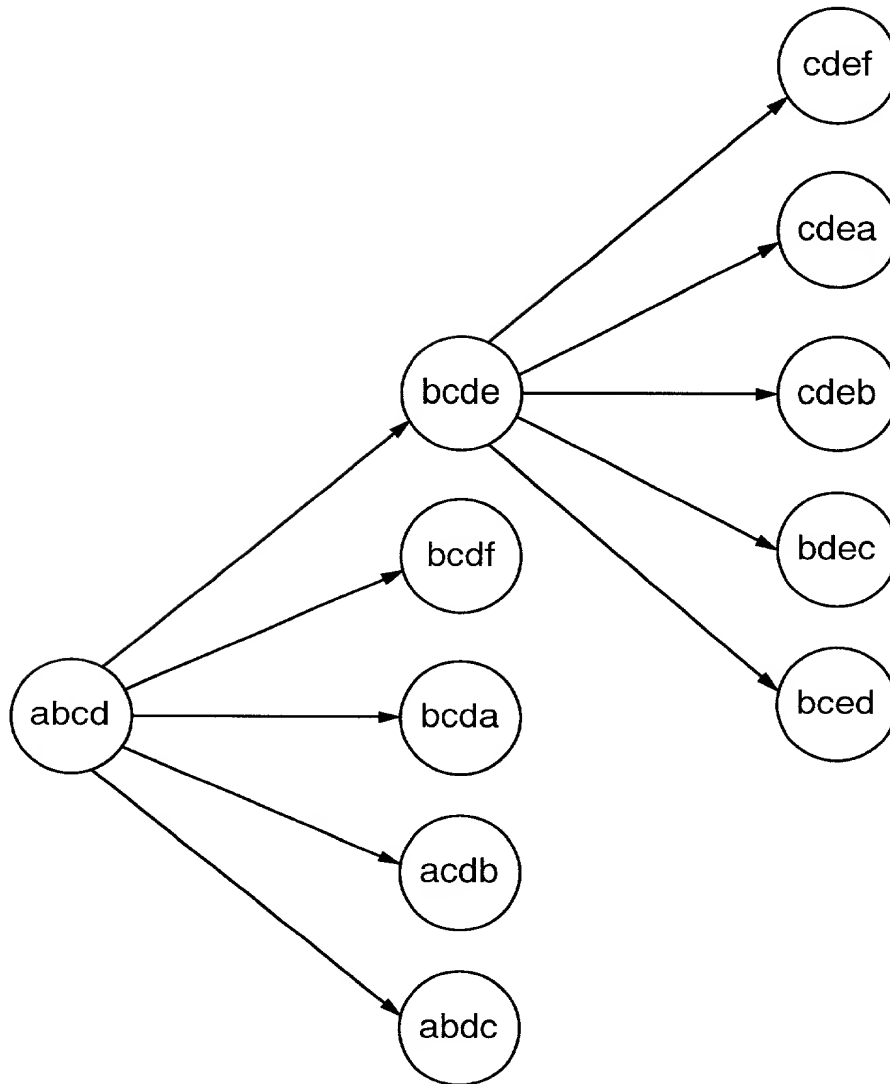


FIG. 6A

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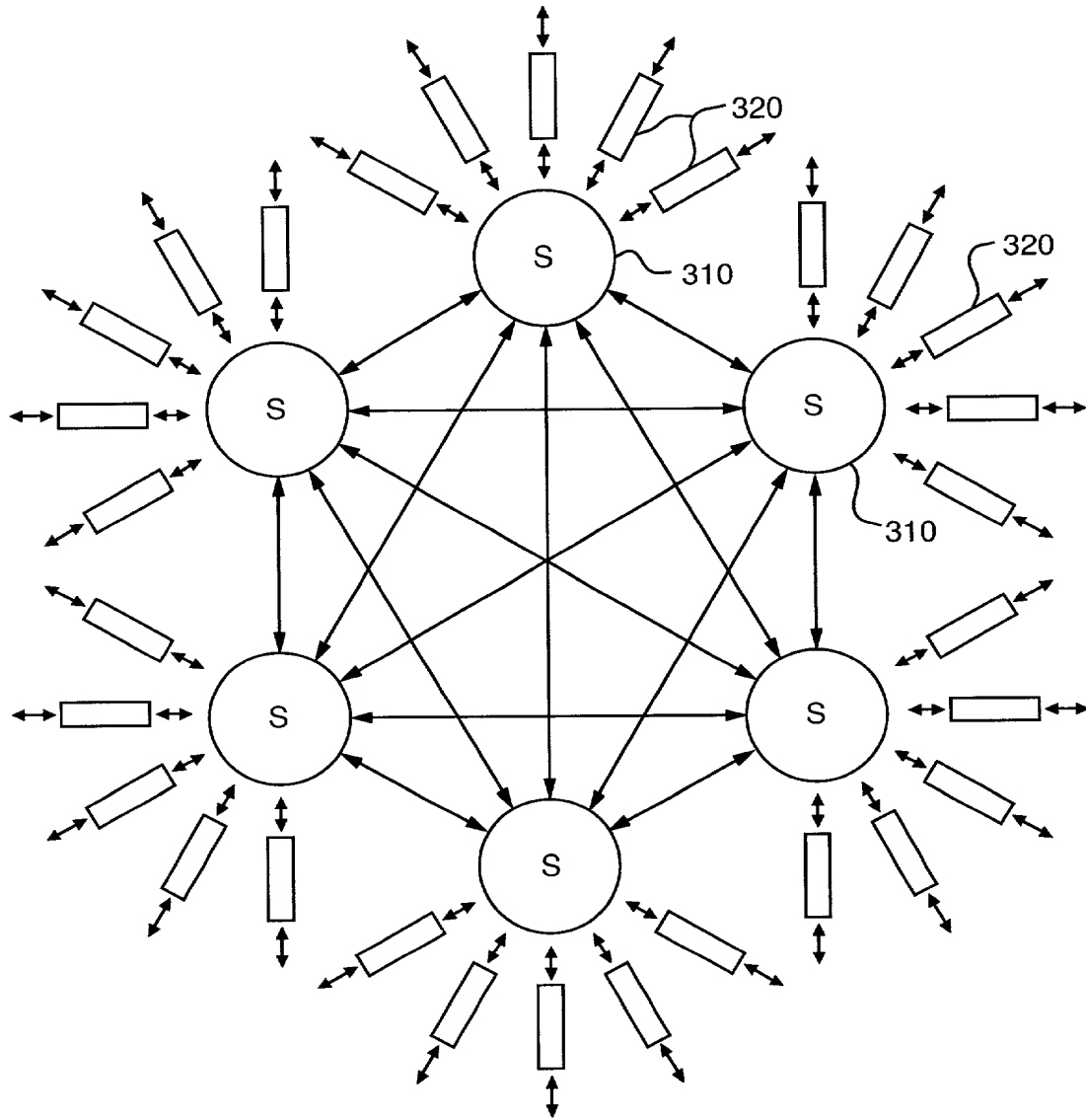


FIG. 6B

FIG. 6B

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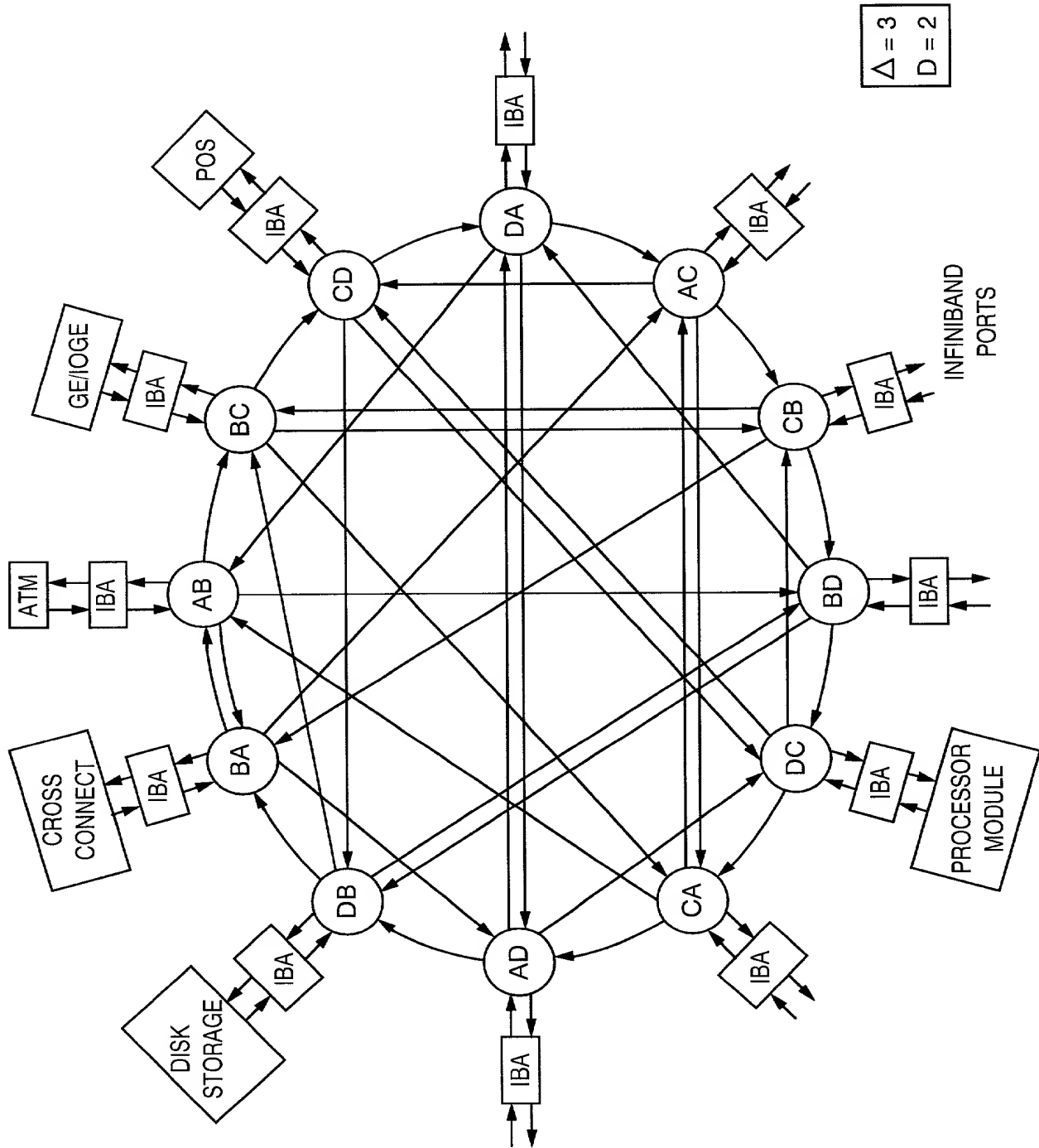


FIG. 7A

FIG. 7A



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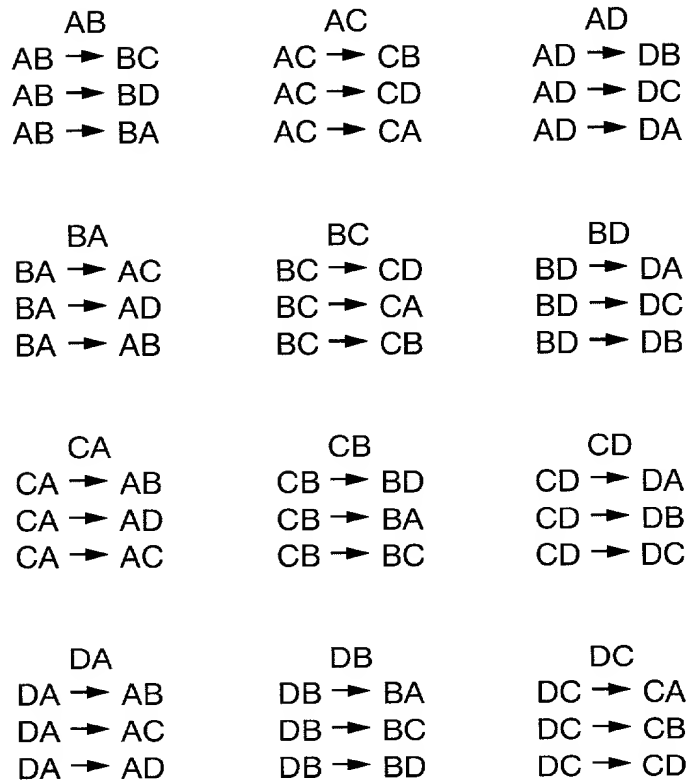


FIG. 7B

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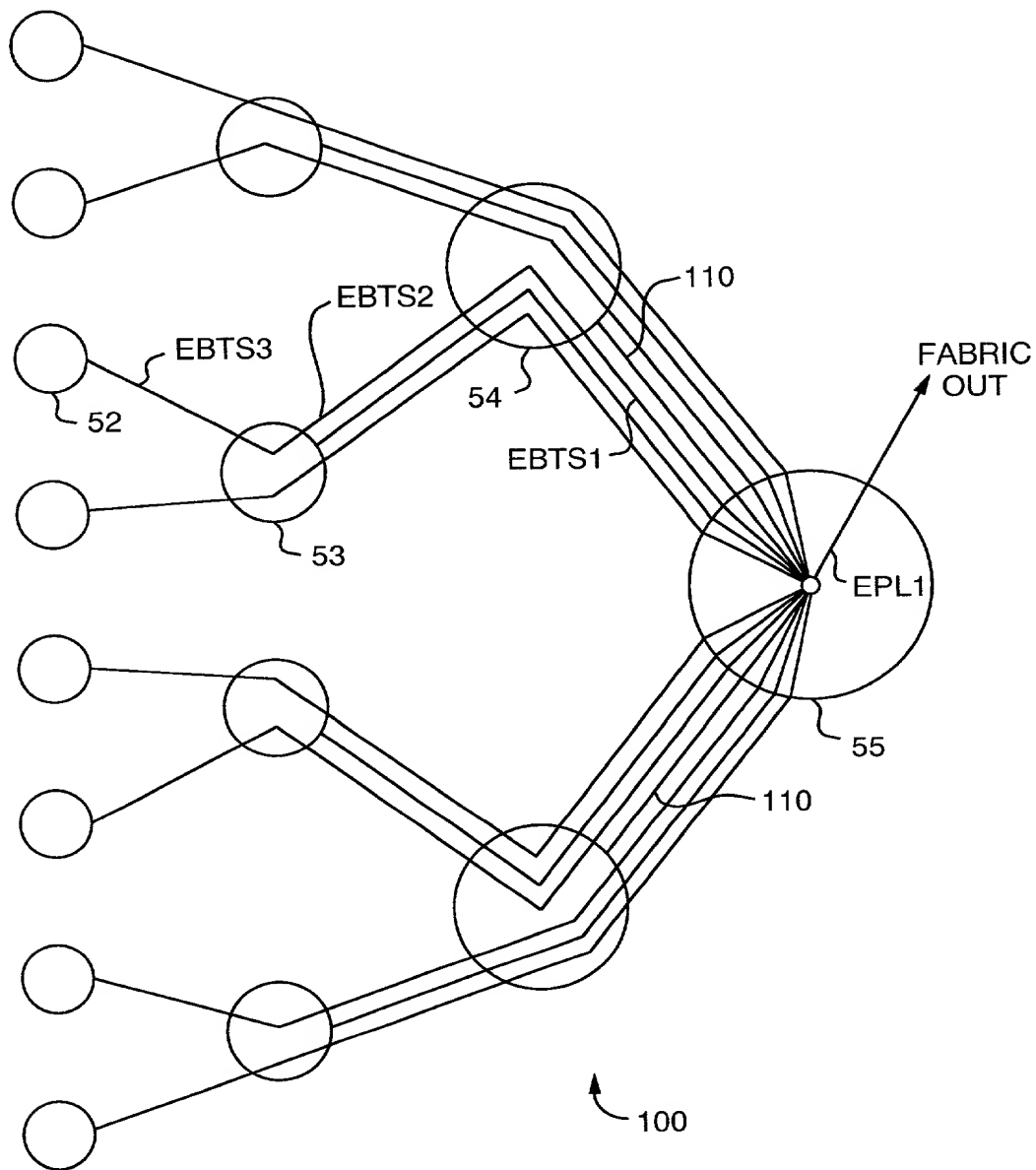


FIG. 8A

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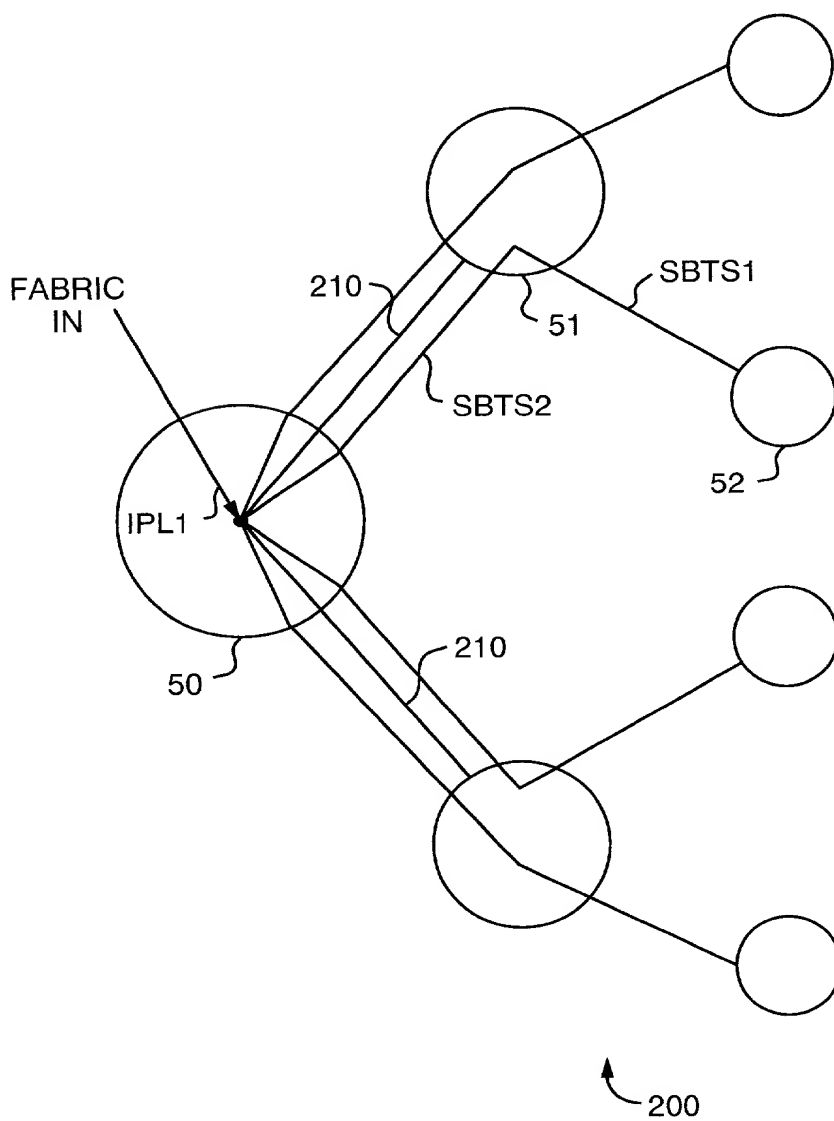


FIG. 8B

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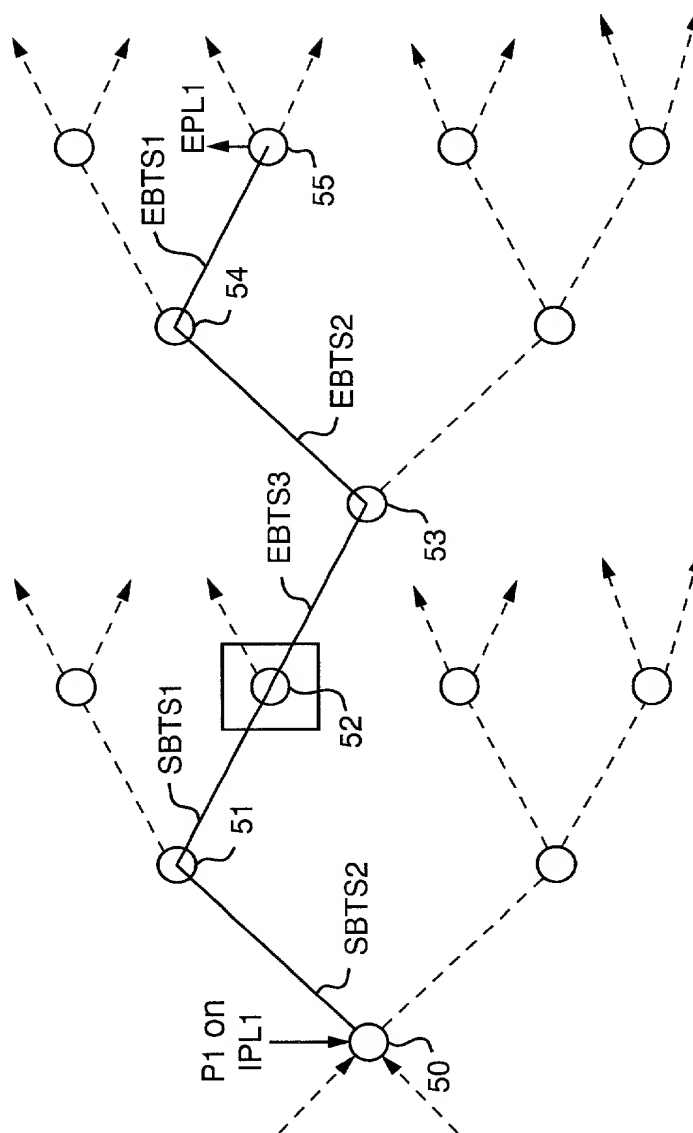


FIG. 9

FIG. 9 is a network diagram

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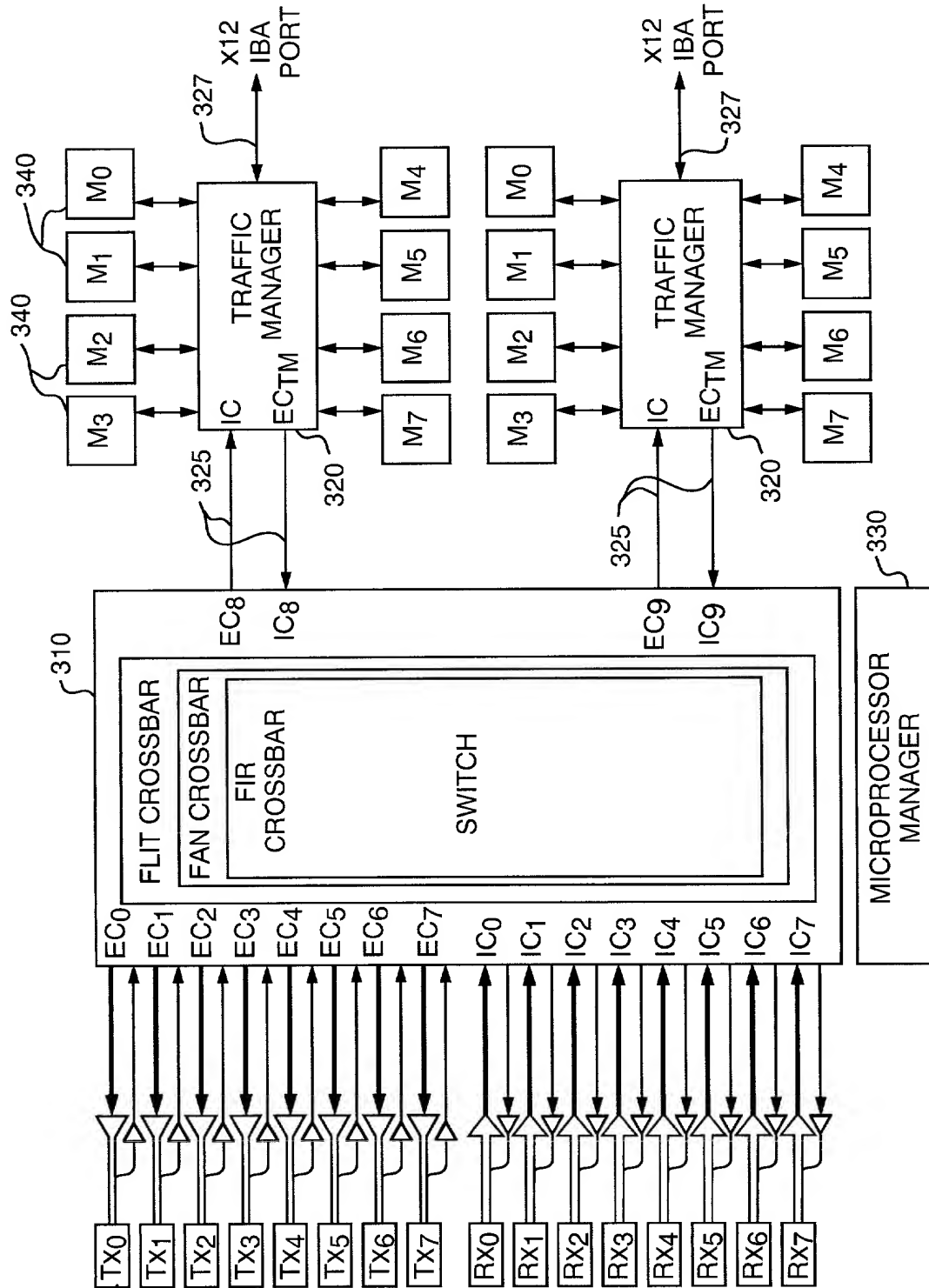


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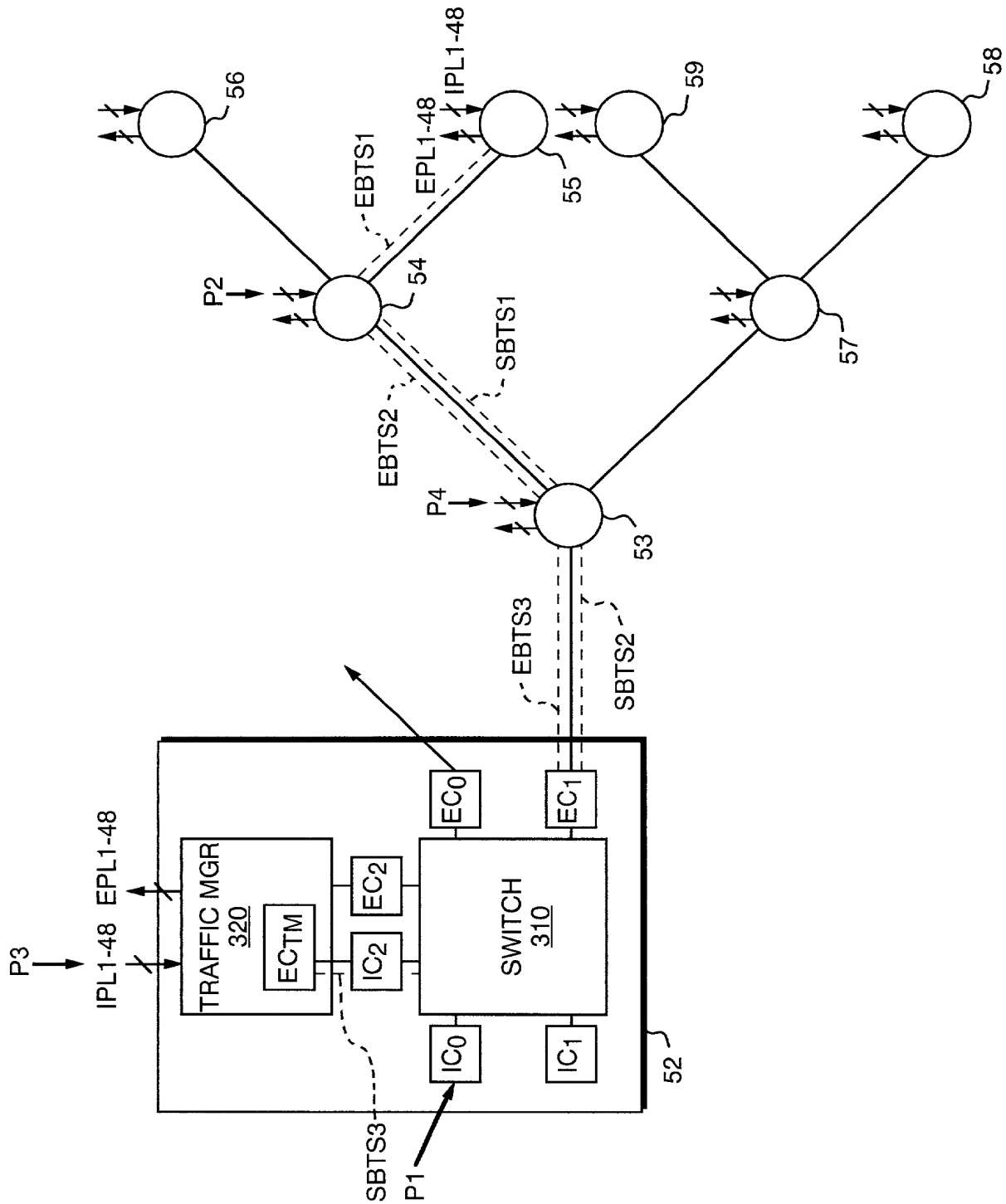


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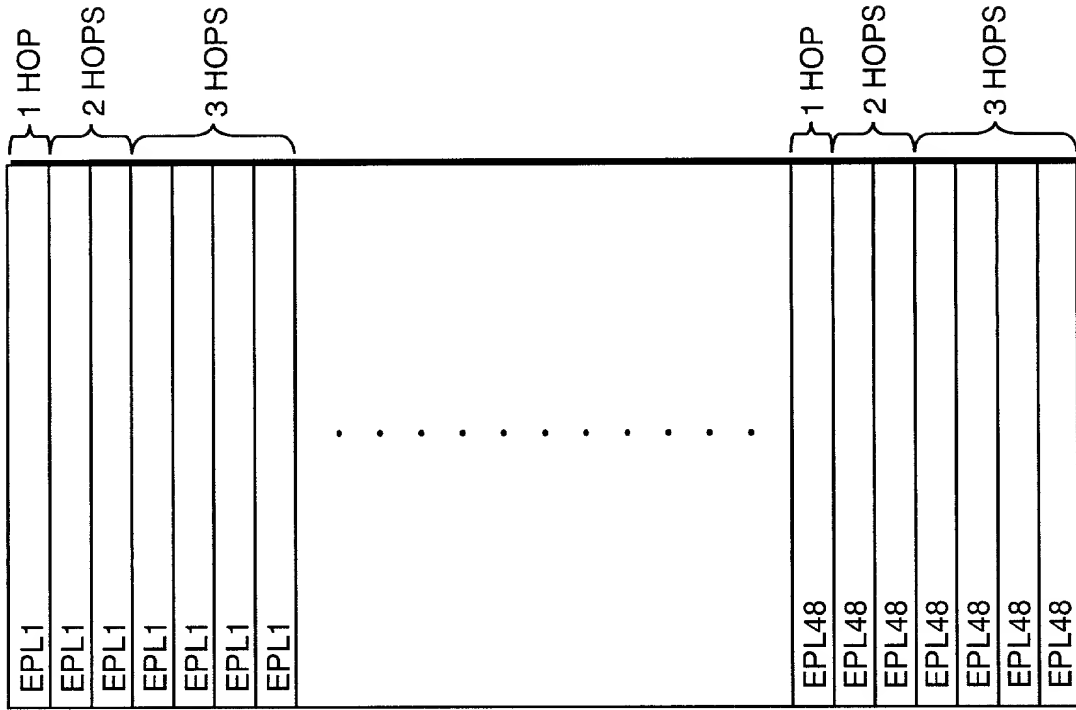


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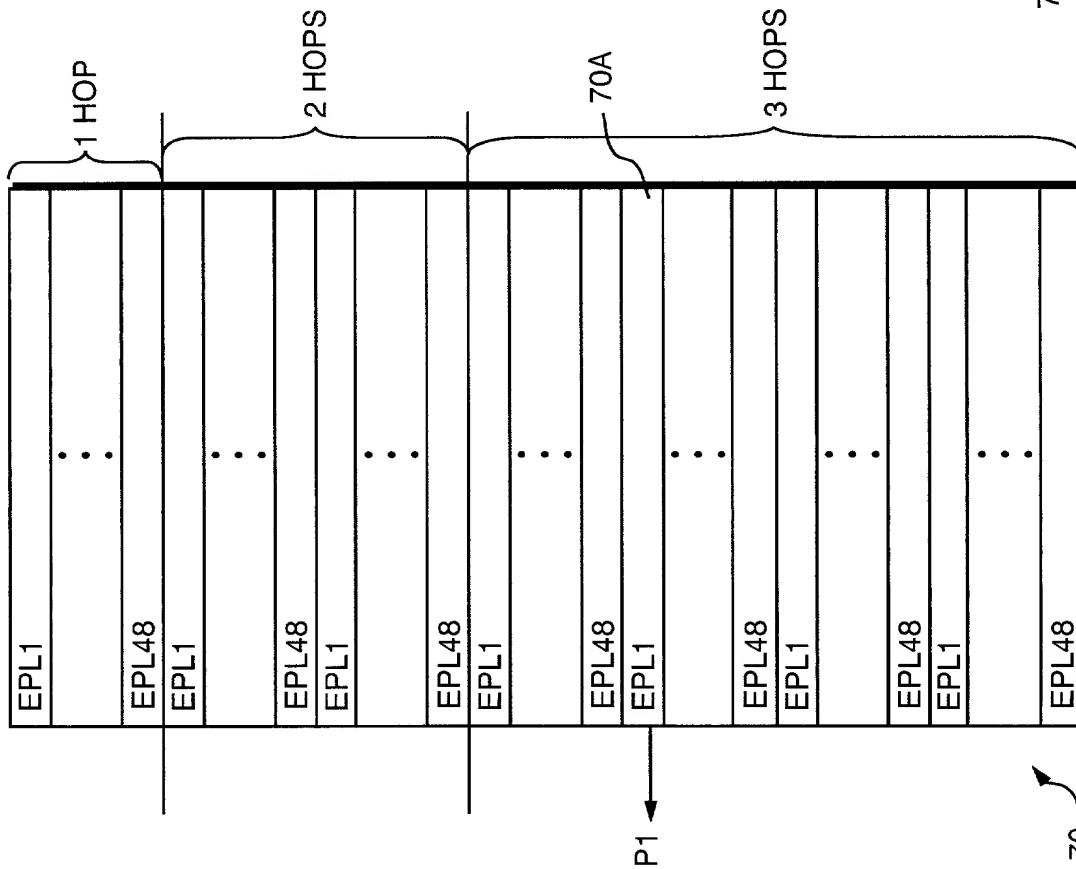


FIG. 11B

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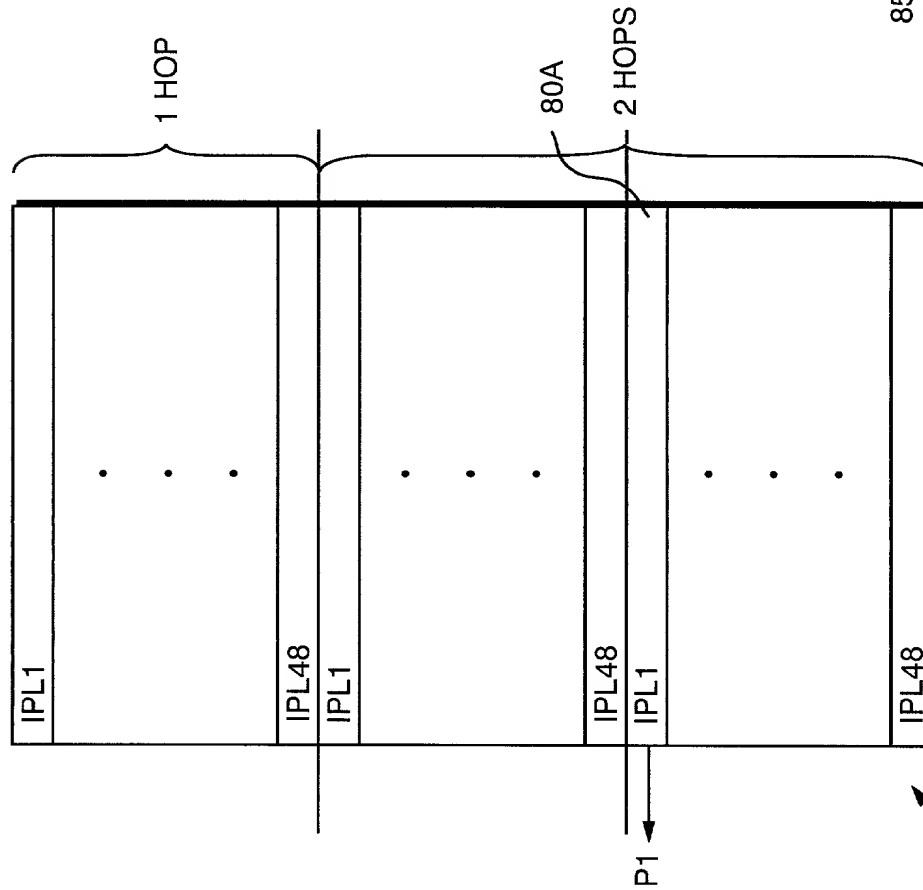
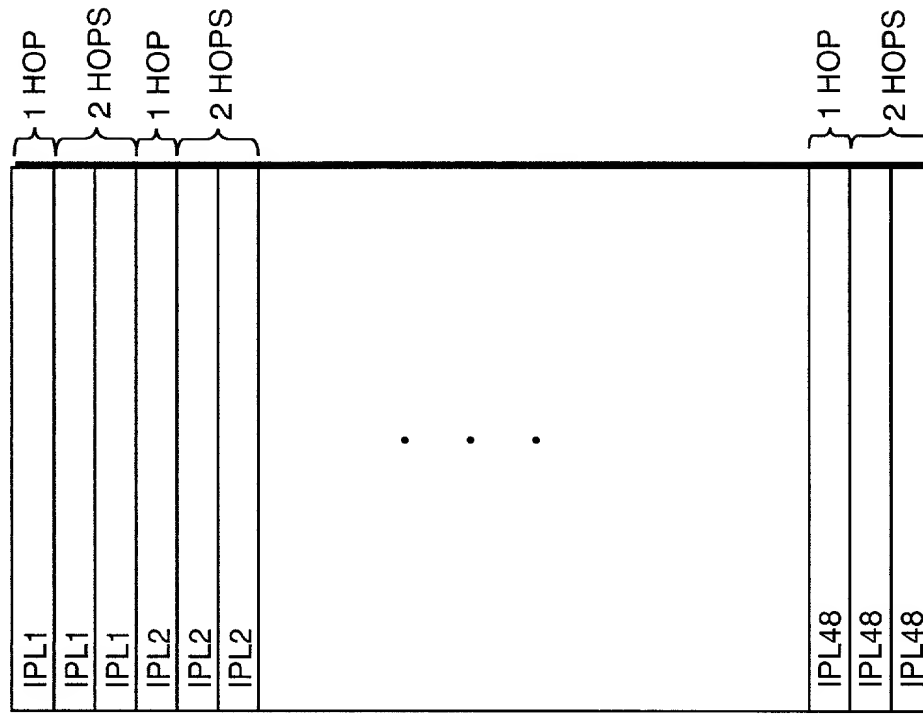


FIG. 11E

FIG. 11D



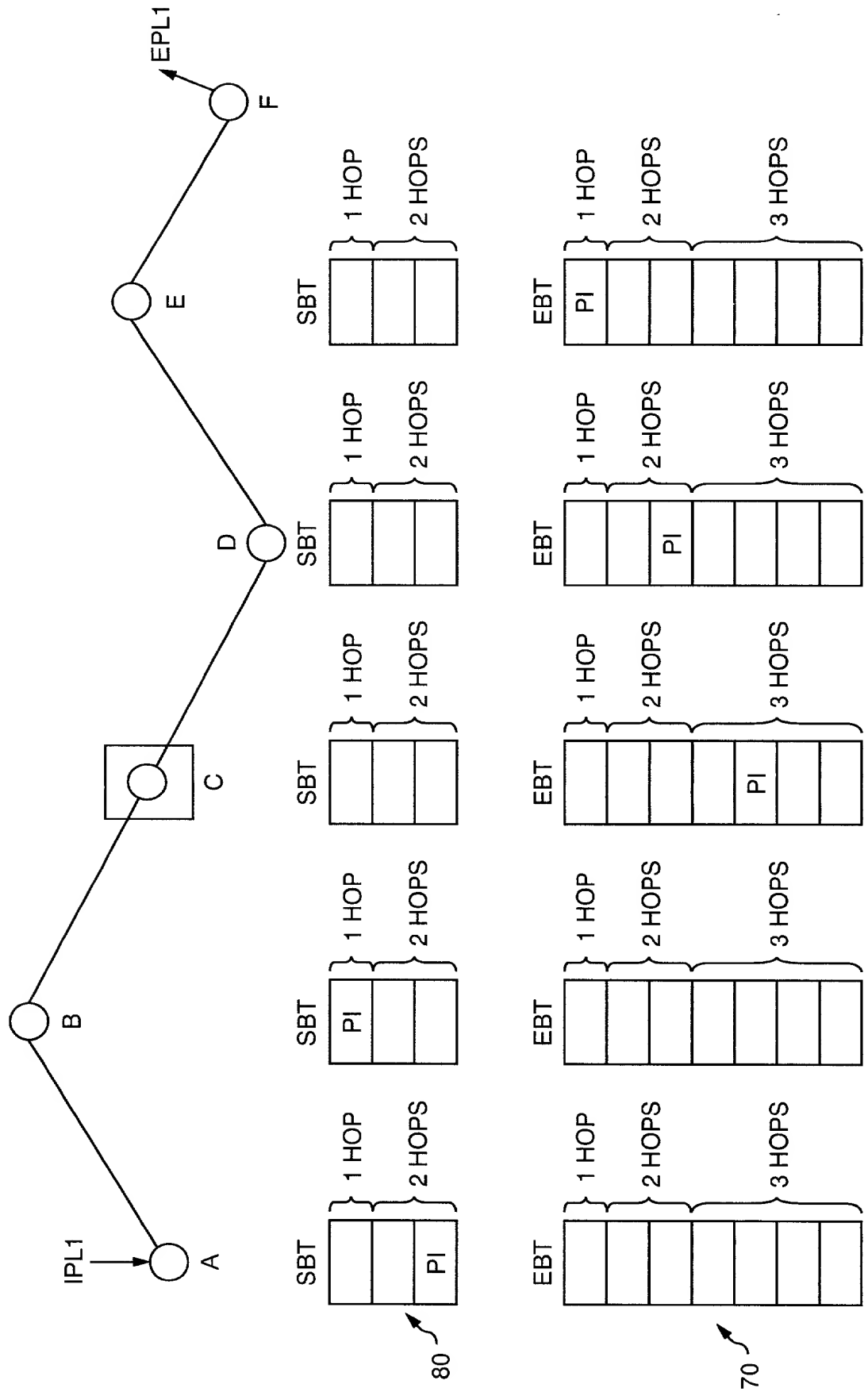


FIG. 11F

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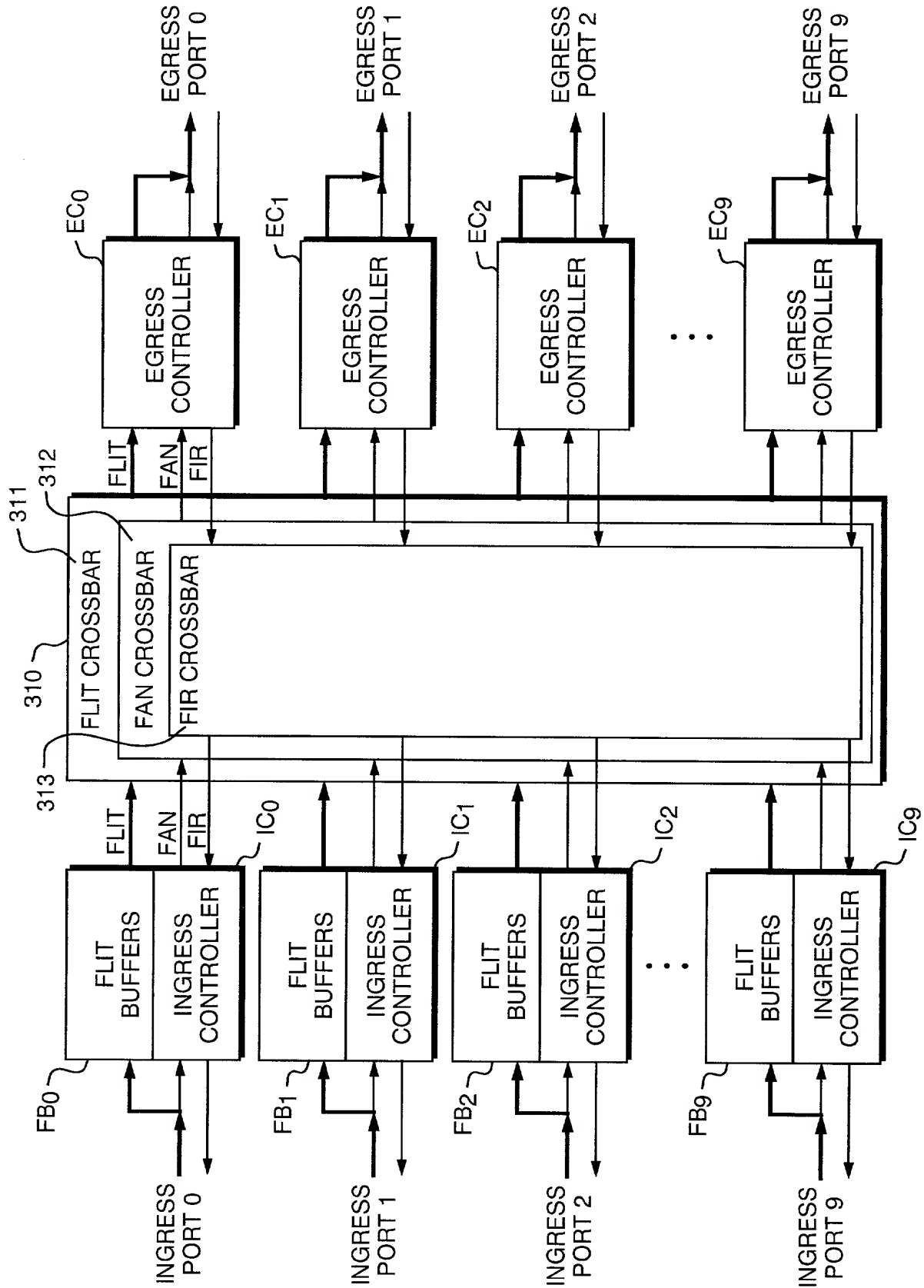


FIG. 12

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CONTROL STRUCTURE	SIZE (IN BITS)	DESCRIPTION
IngressPacketState	1280x35=44,800	EACH IngressPacketState STRUCTURE MANAGES THE STORAGE OF A PARTIALLY RECEIVED PACKET ON ONE OF THE INGRESS PORTS.
EgressLaneState	(128x30=3,480)	EACH EgressLaneState STRUCTURE SUPPLIES INFORMATION USED TO PROCESS RECEIVED CREDITS.
AvailableEgressLane	(128x1)	EACH FLAG INDICATES THAT A PARTICULAR LANE IS AVAILABLE OR IN USE.
FanState	(512x44=22,528)	EACH FanState STRUCTURE HOLDS ONE FAN WAITING TO BE CONVERTED INTO A FIR AND POINTERS WHICH ALLOW CREATING A LINKED LIST OF PACKETS WAITING ON A PARTICULAR CHANNEL AND A LINKED LIST OF FANS COMPRISING A PARTICULAR PACKET.
AvailableFanState	(512x1)	EACH FLAG INDICATES THAT A PARTICULAR LOCAL FANSTATE STRUCTURE IS AVAILABLE OR IN USE.
WaitingForLanes	(2928x1)	EACH FLAG INDICATES THAT A PARTICULAR TUNNEL SEGMENT HAS A PACKET READY TO BE ASSIGNED TO A LANE AS SOON AS ONE BECOMES AVAILABLE.
WaitingForFSM	(2928x1)	EACH FLAG INDICATES THAT A PARTICULAR CHANNEL HAS A FAN READY TO BE CONVERTED INTO A FIR AS SOON AS THE EgressController HAS BANDWIDTH AVAILABLE TO PERFORM THE CONVERSION.
WaitingForFirFifo	(2304x1)	EACH FLAG INDICATES THAT A PARTICULAR LANE HAS A FAN READY TO CONVERT INTO A FIR AS SOON AS ROOM IN THE FIR FIFO BECOMES NON-FULL.
SegmentPointer	(2938x13=38,194)	EACH SegmentPointer POINTS TO A QUEUE OF PACKETS WAITING ON A TUNNEL SEGMENT.

FIG. 13

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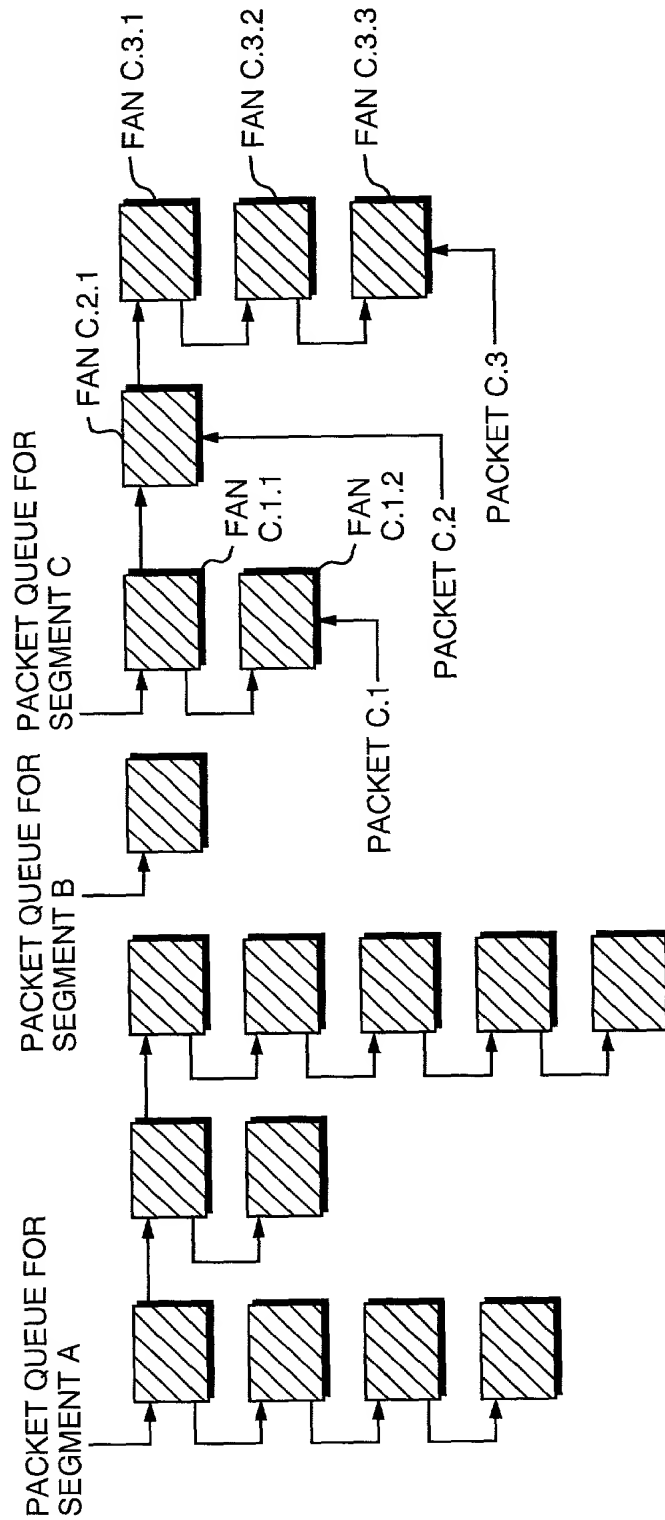
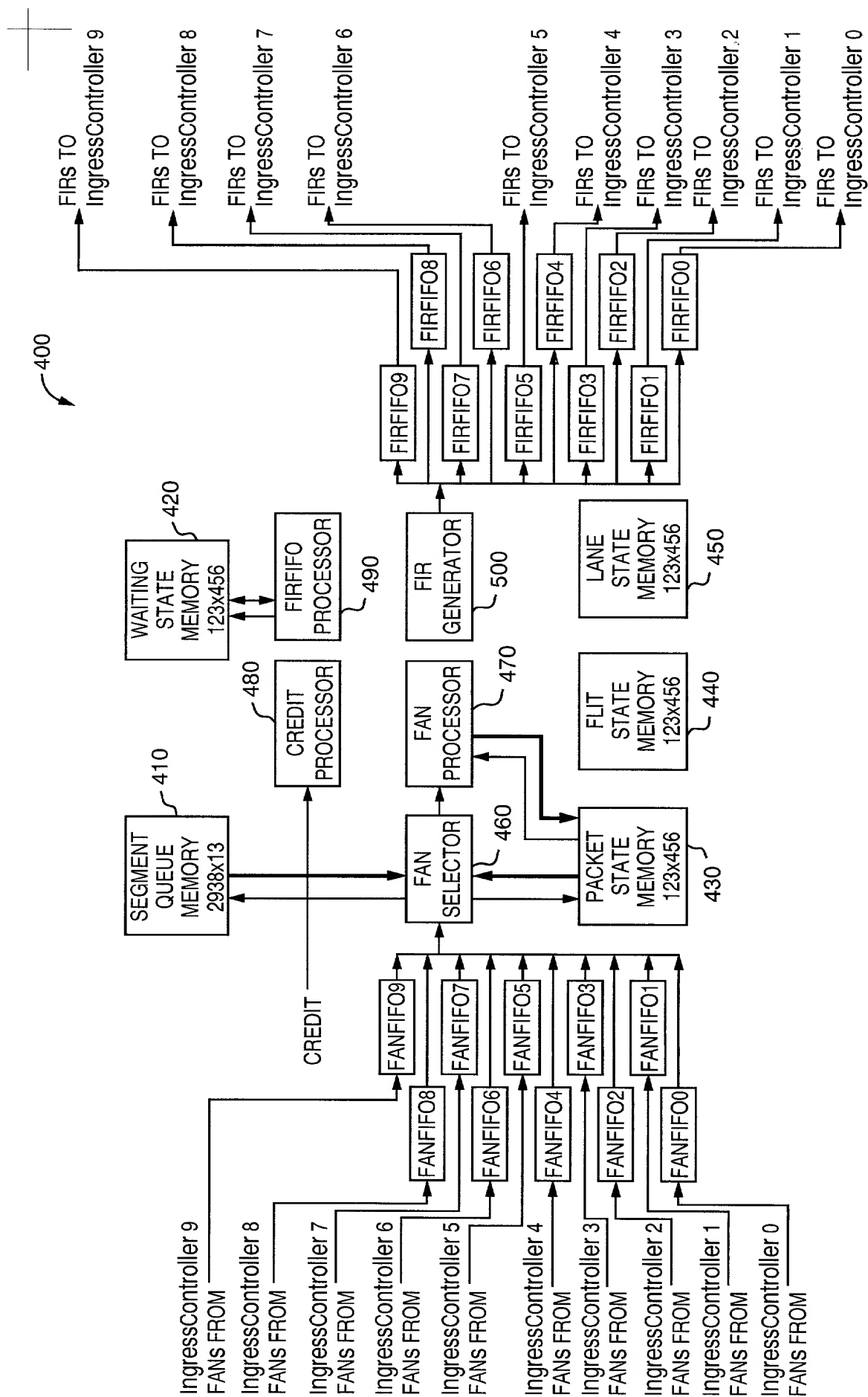


FIG. 14



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FIG. 15

FIG. 15 is a block diagram of a network switch architecture.